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SUBJECT: BRITISH-GREEK CONTACTS

SUMMARY: GREEKS CONTINUE TO PROTEST BRITISH RELEASE OF  
TURKISH REFUGEES FROM SBA AND SEEM DEVOID OF IDEAS AS  
TO ANY NEXT STEP TOWARD CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FCO'S GOODISON TELLS US GREEK AMBASSADOR ROUSSOS  
CALLED ON ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY MORGAN LATE FEBRUARY 3  
TO COMPLAIN ABOUT NUMBER OF TURKISH REFUGEES ALLOWED TO  
DEPART FROM SBA. HE SAID GOG THOUGHT MANY OF THEM HAD  
BEEN ADMITTED TO THE SBA AFTER BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
AGREEMENT TO PERMIT DEPARTURE AND THAT UK AUTHORITIES HAD  
GENERALLY BEHAVED IN UNSATISFACTORY FASHION. MORGAN  
REPLIED THAT EARLIER BRITISH ESTIMATE OF 8,500 PRESENT IN  
SBA WAS ONLY AN ESTIMATE. TOTAL OF SOME 9,390 WHO  
DEPARTED SUGGESTS NO MORE THAN A FEW HUNDRED HAD INFIL-  
TRATED IN LAST DAYS. BRITISH HAD IMPRESSION MOST OF  
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THOSE INFILTRATED IN HOPES OF LATER BEING PERMITTED TO

LEAVE AFTER BRUSSELS TALKS BUT BEFORE BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT PERMITTING TURK DEPARTURE. CENSUS FIGURE OF SOME 12,000 CLEARLY A RESULT OF TURK REFUGEE CHICANERY, IMPERSONATORS HOPING EVEN GREATER NUMBER WOULD INFILTRATE INTO SBA AND THUS QUALIFY FOR EVACUATION. ROUSSOS QUESTIONED BRITISH INEFFICIENCY BUT, ACCORDING TO GOODISON, SEEMED TO BE DOING THIS ONLY FOR THE RECORD.

2. GREEK AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED TO SEE PUS BRIMELOW NEXT DAY, FEBRUARY 4. BRITISH CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO ATHENS EMBASSY (3L,000 POUNDS) WAS DISCUSSED. WHILE GOG HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS CLAIM, ITS AIDE MEMOIRE CONTESTED TERMS OF HMG AIDE MEMOIRE, PARTICULARLY SUGGESTIONS SUCH AS THAT POLICE HAD NOT TRIED HARD ENOUGH TO STOP DEMONSTRATORS. BRIMELOW SPOKE STRONGLY TO ROUSSOS ABOUT GOG ATTITUDE, BUT HANDED HIM AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH (GOODISON TOLD US) TREATS MATTER IN CONCILIATORY TERMS.

3. BRIMELOW INFORMED ROUSSOS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR (LONDON 1521). HE TOLD ROUSSOS THAT HE HAD URGED CONCILIATORY GESTURE ON TURKS, TOLD HIM UK CONSIDERED GREEK WILLINGNESS REFER AEGEAN DISPUTE TO ICIJ A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY MOVE, AND PROTESTED CONTINUING TURKISH RESTRICTIONS ON AEGEAN AIRSPACE. THEN GOODISON ASKED ROUSSOS WHAT PROPOSALS FONMIN BITSIOS MIGHT BRING TO HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HOW GOG VISUALIZED NEXT STEPS TOWARD CYPRUS SOLUTION. ROUSSOS DID NOT HAVE ANY IDEAS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S OWN CONTACTS WITH GREEK DIPLOMATS HERE SUPPORT FCO IMPRESSION THAT GOG HAS NOT FORMULATED PROGRAM FOR NEXT STEPS TOWARD CYPRUS SOLUTION AND IS CONTINUING TO SEEK IDEAS FROM OTHERS SUCH AS USG AND (TO LESSER DEGREE) HMG. GREEK EMBASSY IN LONDON APPEARS TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ONLY TO CONTINUE CASTIGATING BRITISH ON RELEASE OF TURKS FROM SBA.

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